



AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

Page 3, before line 1, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 3, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

Page 3, replace the paragraph beginning on line 23 and bridging pages 3 and 4 with the following amended paragraph:

--Box elements 8 are sandwiched between the two plates 2, 3. Each box-element has a face 10 shaped to perfectly follow the curvilinear outline of the recesses 4 and formed in dependence on the biggest bottles. A vertical opening 9 is defined in each face 10.--

Page 5, replace the paragraph beginning on line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

--To this end, ~~it~~ there is provided a sliding door (not shown) to reduce the working arc of said slot and consequently change the angular discharge position.--

Page 6, replace the paragraph beginning on line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

--The discharge ~~channel~~ channels, not shown, are located above the spacers and they are carried by a cylindrical

wall which rotates around a vertical axis at a speed different from that of the carousel 20 carrying the spacers.--

Page 6, replace the paragraph beginning on line 21 and bridging pages 6 and 7 with the following amended paragraph:

--Therefore it is necessary to have a star-shaped conveyor for picking up the bottles from the spacers and transporting them along a predetermined direction; by means of two star-shaped conveyors and keeping unchanged the rotation direction of the aligning machine, it is possible to feed bottles along a direction opposite to that shown in figures.--

Page 7, replace the paragraph beginning on line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

--It is possible to get rid ~~off~~ of a bottle sliding surface because bottles travel hanging and held by their bodies.--

Page 7, replace the paragraph beginning on line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

--It is possible to get rid ~~off~~ of the devices for extracting defective and crushed bottles.--